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Dec. 22,
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An Air Service Command Ordnance Depot, England—Fleets of trucks, which service the planes of the fighting air forces, are rolling across England and France today because of the tireless work of Private First Class Walter F. Byron of Route Five, Newton and his buddies.

Private Byron is now serving at this important Air Service Command Ordnance depot. He and fellow soldiers are responsible for keeping the All Service Command's trucks and jeeps in top running order.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Byron of Route Five, Newton. Before joining the army May 12, 1941, he was employed as a painter.

His brother, Private John Byron, is also in service, and has been home on a furlough.

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Mrs. George Kincade has received a letter from her daughter, Clara K. Null, telling of her promotion from seaman first class to yeoman third class. She joined the Waves at Terre Haute in July and took her boot training at Hunter's college in Bronx, New York. From there she was sent to Yeoman's school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, graduating from there in October. Her first assignment was at the Naval Air station in Memphis, Tennessee, under Lieutenant Anderson, who has charge of all cadet grades and report cards.

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Corporal Albert L. Pippin was graduated recently from an intensive course in electronic turbo control at an Air Service Command depot in England. He was one of a small group of men specially selected by their commanding officers to attend this school.

Corporal Pippin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Pippin of Merengo, formerly of near Hidalgo. He was inducted into the service at Camp Grant on December 7, 1942, and has been overseas for eleven months.

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Storekeeper Second Class Louis Vanatta arrived home from Hawaii, Sunday, on an emergency furlough, due to the illness of his wife. She is suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Louis flew to San Francisco in ten hours, but was grounded there because of bad weather. In all it took him four days to make the trip home.

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Machinist's Mate Second Class Samuel A. Drake, son of Mrs. Emma Drake of Ingraham, went aboard ship, Tuesday, December 12, at San Francisco, California, for duties overseas. He is a member of the Seabees and has been in the service two years, one year of which was spent in the area of the Caribbean sea.

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Seaman First Class Dale King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona M. King of Falmouth, who is aboard an aircraft carrier in the Western Pacific, writes that he recently met Dewey Resch and Florent J. Bigard, when he went to a Pacific island on a recreation party. The boys were all on the same ship together for a time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed of near Newton are in receipt of a letter from their son, Private Josie C. Reed, stating that he was fine and had a nice Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings. He is in Italy and this was the first word from him since October 16. He says to tell all his friends hello."

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Harold Wayne Cunningham, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cunningham of West Liberty, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. When his recruit training is completed, the seaman will receive a period of leave.

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Seaman Second Class and Mrs. John William Reed are the parents of a daughter, born December 13 at Tuscola hospital. She will answer to the name of Johnna Lynn. Grand-parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed of near Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Campbell of Hume.

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Private Wilford French, who accidentally shot himself through the foot recently, was expected to be released from the George field hospital today. He will spend a day or two with his wife and children at Newton before going to Fort Meade, Maryland, for assignment.

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Private First Class Don Emery, an Army cook in France, sent his father, Frank Emery of Newton, a cable for Christmas, saying: "Greetings to the best of fathers. God bless you and keep you safe. Love and best wishes for a New Year to all at home."

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John William Reed, seaman second class, has completed his boot training

at Great Lakes and is spending a leave with his wife and baby at Hume, his brother, Ira Reed of Tolono, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed of near Newton.

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Private First Class Paul Utley has been discharged from the Army. He has recently been at Mayo General hospital at Galesburg, being treated for battle fatigue. He was an airplane mechanic in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

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Private First Class Albert C. Helregel is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helregel of near Sainte Marie. He is now at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, after serving twenty-nine months overseas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorn received the season's greeting from their sons in the service, Sergeant Lorrain J. Dorn in France and Corporal Austin E. Dorn in the Philippine islands.

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Private First Class John Byron has returned to Fort Meade, Maryland, after a furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Byron of near Newton.

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Charles Cowger, who has been in the hospital in Virginia, for quite awhile has received a medical discharge. He will be home in five or six weeks.

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Dale Boxley of Newton has been promoted to aviation machinist's mate first class. He is stationed at a Naval Air base at Patuxent, Rhode Island.

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Corporal Raymond Gregory of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is in Newton visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Gregory.